

REMARKS

Responsive to the action mailed August 1, 2006, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-18 and 30-33, drawn to a device.

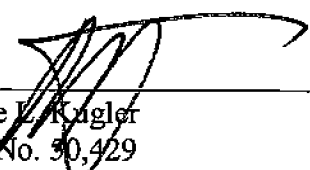
With respect to election of a species, Applicants respectfully point out that the two species identified by the examiner do not include a species wherein magnetic material coats less than the entire stent, as depicted in Figure 4. Applicant traverses the restriction to Species I, depicted in Figure 2 wherein magnetic material coats the entire stent, or Species II, depicted in Figure 4 wherein magnetic material coats only the end portions of the stent, as characterized by Examiner. Applicant provisionally elects a species wherein magnetic material coats less than the entire stent, as depicted in Figure 4. Should Examiner disagree with Applicant's characterization of the alternative species, then applicant provisionally elects Species II, as characterized by Examiner, depicted in Figure 4.

Applicant submits that at least pending claims 1-18 and 30-33 are generic to both species II, as characterized by the examiner wherein magnetic material coats only the end portions of the stent, and the alternative species identified by the Applicants wherein magnetic material coats less than the entire stent. If any pending generic claim is found allowable, all of the pending claims directed to either Species I or II, or Applicant's alternative species of the invention should be considered in this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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